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LUSAKA PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA TALKS: BRIEFING OF PRESIDENT NYERERE ON
SECOND SESSION

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE BRIEFED MORNING OF JUNE 14 BY AMBASSADOR
MCHENRY AND PETTERSON, FRG AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM,
ESCORTED THEM AS REPRESENTATIVE WESTERN FIVE. ALBERS HAS
CIRCULATED HIS NOTES ON MEETING AMONG THE FIVE. TEXT FOLLOWS.
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2. BEGIN TEXT. PRESIDENT NYERERE WAS BRIEFED THIS
MORNING ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE POWERS ON THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS
ON NAMIBIA BY AMBASSADORS ALBERS (FRG), MCHENRY AND PETTERSON.
AMBASSADOR MCHENRY INFORMED THE PRESIDENT ON THE LINES OF THE
TALKING POINTS, EMPHASIZING THAT THE ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN ARE TO A
GREAT EXTENT INTERDEPENDENT AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROBLEMS

OF ALL SIDES CONCERNED. THEY THEREFORE HAVE TO BE REGARDED AS A PACKAGE DEAL. HE STRESSED THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM OF THE CAPE TOWN TALKS HAD BEEN THE INTENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO HOLD ELECTIONS BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR -- OBVIOUSLY TO GIVE SOME ADVANTAGE TO THE TURNHALLE GROUPINGS -- AN IDEA WHICH HAS BEEN REJECTED BY THE CONTACT GROUP IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO MAKE ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS.

PRESIDENT NYERERE SEEMED TO BE PLEASED WITH THE UNEXPECTED SUCCESS OF THIS ROUND OF TALKS. AFTER A SHORT ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION HE SEEMED SATISFIED THAT THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, IN SPITE OF BEING SOUTH AFRICAN AND APPOINTED BY SOUTH AFRICA, WOULD BE GUARANTEED BY THE INVOLVEMENT OF UN AND FINALLY ALSO BY VORSTER'S OWN INTEREST IN SHOWING HIS HONEST COMMITMENT TO AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

THE ONLY PROBLEM ENVISAGED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE WAS TO SECURE A TIMELY REDUCTION OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN POWER IN NAMIBIA. A VISIBLE REDUCTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED FORCES AT AN EARLY DATE -- PREFERABLY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TAKING OVER OF POWER BY THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL -- MIGHT MAKE THE DEAL MORE ACCEPTABLE FOR SWAPO. IN THIS CONTEXT HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF UN ARMED FORCES TO TAKE OVER FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND FINALLY TO HAND OVER POWER TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA. AFTER BEING TOLD THAT THIS QUESTION WAS STILL UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AMONG THE FIVE HE DID NOT PRESS THE POINT ANY FURTHER. HE JUST MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD PREFER A UN FORCE TO SUPPORT A FUTURE GOVERNMENT TO THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATIVE OR MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AN INDEPENDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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NAMIBIA.

A FURTHER PROBLEM MENTIONED WAS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. BUT PRESIDENT NYERERE SEEMED TO BE SATISFIED BY THE INFORMATION THAT MR. AHTISAARI WAS AND IS BEING KEPT INFORMED AT ALL STAGES. THE QUESTION WHETHER IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE THE FIVE POWERS BECOME MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WAS NOT FOLLOWED UP AFTER IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR THAT THE ACTION OF THE FIVE WAS NOT A PURELY WESTERN INITIATIVE BUT HAD THE BACKING OF ALL AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. SO IT WOULD BE FINALLY THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SOLUTION.

FINALLY THE PRESIDENT PROMISED ALL POSSIBLE HELP TO BRING ABOUT TALKS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE AND SWAPO, WHICH SHOULD BE THE NEXT STEP. HE SEEMED TO TAKE THE REJECTIONS OF THE INITIATIVE OF THE FIVE BY SWAPO (NUJOMA IN LUANDA AND GURIRAB IN NEW YORK) NOT VERY SERIOUSLY: "THEY REJECT EVERYTHING." END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE ALBERS' SUMMARY CONTAINS ESSENTIAL POINTS OF CONVERSATION AS RELATED TO ME BY MCHENRY AND PETTERSON. SLIGHT ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS MIGHT BE PUT ON (A) NYERERE'S SATISFACTION WITH "A LOT OF PROGRESS", (B) HIS INTEREST IN WHO MIGHT BE THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, AND (C) HIS CONCERN THAT SOUTH AFRICA DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WOULD RETAIN ALL INSTRUMENTS OF POWER REGARDLESS OF CHARACTER OF ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND UN INVOLVEMENT. NYERERE'S FAILURE TO MENTION WALVIS BAY (WHICH TANGOV HAS RECENTLY BEEN SIGNALLING AS POSSIBLE MAJOR PROBLEM) IS INTERESTING. WHILE ENCOURAGING, I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING NYERERE WILL NOT LATER TAKE STRONG POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

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